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With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

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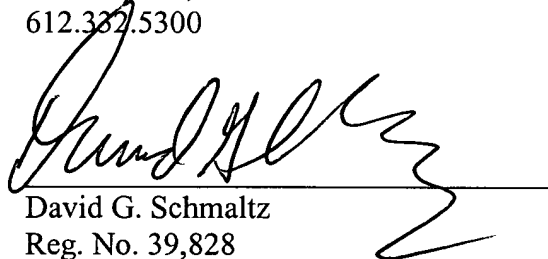
Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE	
	2,804,494	08/27/1957	Fenton				
	2,556,244	06/12/1951	Weston				
	3,812,282	05/21/1974	Johansson				
	3,892,912	07/01/1975	Hauck				
	5,162,120	11/10/1992	Baxter et al.				
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
						YES	NO
	524452	05/1956	CA				
	725,624	03/09/1955	GB				
OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)							

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